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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The proposal was dropped in 1944 on account of the objections raised by the persons interested in direct irrigation under the channel at Uppiliapuram, and seems to have been revived later.

" (*c*) Rupees 7,550.

" (*d*) It cannot be said now when the work will be taken up for execution, as the matter is still under consideration."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Sir may I know, what is the total cost of construction as estimated in the year 1943 and how much have the Government spent annually for removing the deposit of silt from the channel during the flood times? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, the scheme was estimated to cost Rs. 3,500 in the year 1941. I have no information as to how much the Public Works Department is spending for the removal of the silt."

Reconstitution of the State Harijan Welfare Committee.

* 391 *Q.*—SRI A. S. SAHAJANANDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state why the Government have not constituted the Provincial Harijan Board?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The term of the present State Harijan Welfare Committee expires on the 16th August 1953. However, the question of reconstituting the Committee is under consideration and will be finalised shortly."

SRI A.S. SAHAJANANDA :—" Sir, பழைய போர்டுசெய்த தீர்மானங்களையெல்லாம் மந்திரியார் அவர்கள் நிறைவேற்றுவாரா ? "

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" The hon. Member wants to know whether the Government have put through all the schemes and suggestions of the existing Committee."

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The recommendations of the State Harijan Welfare Committee are given due consideration by the Government from time to time."

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—" Will the Government consider taking one Harijan from each district into the Committee? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, that will make the strength of the Committee 26. The present strength is only 22. I am afraid it is not possible for the Government to organize it on a districtwar basis."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" What are the functions of the Committee? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" They are well known. They are given in the rules constituting the Committee."

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SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that the constitution of the Harijan Welfare Committee was done all through from the members of one particular community among Harijans, namely, Malas, otherwise called Parayas? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not aware of that, Sir."

Bridge over the Godavari at Kovvur.

* 395 *Q*.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member, Sri M. Rajeswara Rao, is not in his seat, the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a plan with the Government to construct a bridge across the Godavari river by the side of the existing railway bridge at Kovvur, West Godavari district; and

(*b*) if so, the probable cost of the construction of such a bridge?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) The question does not arise."

Planning Commission discussion on the utilization of Godavari and Krishna waters.

* 404 *Q*.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representative of the Government of Madras is participating in the meeting of the Planning Commission convened to discuss and take final decision on the utilization of Krishna and Godavari river waters; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any, and if so, what mandate was given to the representative of the Government of Madras about the stand he should take in the discussions?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The stage has not yet been reached when any finalised policy can be declared, as the matter is still being considered by the Planning Commission of the Central Government. But, it may be stated generally, on behalf of this Government, that we are in favour of giving to the underwatered areas of Rayalaseema and contiguous uplands in Nellore and Guntur districts, top priority in making the best use of available surplus waters, subject of course to physical and financial limitations."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" ఇప్పుడు కొన్నికొన్ని schemes అనగా కృష్ణా-పెన్నారు, గండికోట, నందికొండ అనే స్కీముల విషయములో Planning Commission వారు చేసే విచారణకుగాను ప్రభుత్వం ఏమి stand తీసుకొని ప్రభుత్వ ప్రతినిధులకు చెప్పి పంపించారు ? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."